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BRUINS CHEW UP NORTH STARS, 4-2

By Francis Rosa, The Boston Globe

Usually it doesn't happen this way. When you don't play a team for more than a month the grudges are forgotten. Not last night at the Garden.

"I say, 'thank you, Mr. Ritz - he of the cracker,'" said coach Don Cherry of the Bruins. "I didn't have to get my team up for this game, Mr. Ritz did it for us."

You have to go back to Oct. 29 to remember what Cherry was talking about last night after the Bruins beat the North Stars, 4-2, on the scoreboard and 2-0 in fights.

The Bruins didn't play thuggery hockey last night. They played their aggressive game, the North Stars didn't respond and the Bruins ran off a 3-0 first period lead. The word for the North Stars last night was timid. "I can't think of a better one," said Cherry.

The fights came halfway through the third period with Terry O'Reilly outpunching Steve Jensen and John Wensink outitting Alex Pirus. And then Wensink challenged the Minnesota bench, no one accepted. Ah, discipline.

"We were up for the game," said defenseman Brad Park, the offensive leader with a goal and three assists. "We had taken a lot up there (in Minnesota). They called us goons and thugs." And they beat the Bruins that night, 3-0. That's what hurt more.

So the Bruins dominated the first period, 3-0 in goals and 14-2 in shots (even the crowd gasped at that). The goals came from Park, right point, 50 feet out, off Minnesota defenseman Nick Beverley and under goalie Pete Lopresti's right leg; from Bob Miller on a 10-foot wide, flat angle from the right (off a defenseman's stick), and Jean Ratelle on a slick move in tight quarters in front and a backhanded finish.

Park's goal - "Don Marcotte couldn't get a shot," said Park. "Someone was holding my stick," said Marcotte, "and the goalie tried to clear the puck to the corner. I turned to it and threw it back to Park."

Miller's goal - "I think the goalie thought I was going to pass and my shot hit a stick and went up fairly high by his right."

Ratelle's goal (the game winner) - "I only had one hand on the stick, I was being hooked and I wanted to get my left hand on the stick. The goalie came to me and I managed to move the puck to the right and then backhand it."

The North Stars showed more life in the second period, but defenseman Mike Milbury went on a one-man tear, hitting every for he could find. "Mike gets involved like that, and it's good," said Park. "It's my game and I haven't seen improving the way I

did last season," said Milbury. "I was trying to hit them. The way they skate - if you can hit them you can hit anybody."

The North Stars got a goal from their rookie defense star, Brad Maxwell, a long slap shot from the right point that somehow went between Gilles Gilbert's right skate and defenseman Mike Forbes's left as he tried to run a North Star out of the crease. That was early enough (1:44) in the second period to give the North Stars some hope. They failed on another power play and then Milbury began busting around and the rest of the Bruins joined him.

The teams traded third-period goals by Maxwell again and Marcotte's just-in-time turnaround in front to deflect a Park shot from the high slot.

The victory was the Bruins 11th in a 12-game unbeaten string and left them tied for first in the Adams Division with Buffalo. There seems to be no end in sight.

FEBRUARY 27, 1983

BRUINS RECOVER, 4-3

Keith Crowder's Third-Period Goal Tips Whalers

By Francis Rosa, The Boston Globe

HARTFORD - It wasn't absolutely, positively classic '83 Boston Bruins hockey. It was a victory, 4-3 over Hartford, that was needed. It was nothing less than "the biggest win of the season," according to defenseman Mike Milbury.

How big is a victory over Hartford? In this case, nearly as big as any the Bruins have had this season. Why big?

"Because it set us back on the right road," Milbury answered.

Here were the Bruins, struggling along with four losses in five games, hardly playing the kind of hockey that had elevated them to first place. "We were scared to death," said Milbury. "We were getting away from our game, and now we know how tough it is to win."

It was tough physically and mentally yesterday in a game that the Bruins didn't win on the scoreboard until the third period, but that they won in other areas in the earlier periods. There were such rare happenings as Peter McNab having a fight, and Milbury scoring a goal on a backhander after cutting across the front of the goal.

The winning goal was scored by Keith Crowder, from the top of the crease, when he deflected a McNab shot up into the goal. Before that, Hartford had one-goal leads three times, and

the Bruins had come back to tie three times.

The game was played at three different tempos, each period a segment of its own. The first period was physical, rough and chippy. In the second period the Bruins began to control the puck and the ice, and in the third period they tightened up and played with more discipline than they have shown in several games.

There were three fights in the first period, not a common occurrence in today's hockey. Two of them matched Russ Anderson of the Whalers and Gord Kluzak of the Bruins. Their second encounter cost both of them game misconducts. And later in the period McNab fought with Mickey Volcan.

It was a necessary evil, because the Whalers came out hitting and the Bruins were bordering on frustration and had to get some heat out of their systems.

"You can only go along so far in that," said milbury. "Sooner or later you have to get to the game. We got into it physically in the first period and let off some steam. Then we got control of the game in the second period. We tightened up considerably and controlled the tempo of the game."

Twice in the first period the Whalers took the lead. First, Risto Siltanen scaled in a long shot from the right boards. Then Rick Middleton received a passout from Mike Krushelnyski, cut across the slot and put the puck into the goal.

Again the Whalers went ahead. Ray Neufeld broke in from the left and put the puck up past Pete Peeters' left shoulder. Again the Bruins tied it. With Middleton and barry Pederson breaking, Milbury joined in on the left.

"I thought Pederson was going to shoot," said Milbury, "and I yelled to him for the puck. The flow (of the defenders) was back toward the goal, and when they chased Middleton I could cut in from the left. I almost held the puck too long."

He came in front of Greg Millen, held the puck and then put a backhand by the goalie's left.

The Whalers would take a one-goal lead for the third time in the second period. With referee Ron Wicks' arm up for a delayed penalty on the Bruins, the puck got out to Chris Kotsopoulos at the right point, and he scored on a 45-foot screened shot.

Middleton's second goal of the game tied the score at 3-3. Wayne Cashman recovered the puck on the left boards and pushed it out for Middleton. He shot it under Millen's arm from low in the left circle.

Keith Crowder's winning goal came early in the third period. Brad Park hustled in from the right point to keep the puck in motion and McNab dropped back to cover Park's position. Park passed the puck back to him. He shot and Crowder tipped it up into the goal.

"I saw the play coming and I tried to get in position in front," said Crowder. "I wasn't sure he was going to shoot."

"OK, it's a win," said Bruins coach Gerry Cheevers, "but it has nothing to do with our next game." That's tomorrow, when the Bruins play Toronto in Boston.

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JANUARY 26, 1950

CELTICS TRIUMPH, 89-68; HERTZBERG TOP SCORER

By Jack Barry, The Boston Globe

Looking the part of a real ball club for a scant gathering of 2651, the Celtics recaptured fourth place in the National Association's eastern sector by handily downing Fort Wayne, 89 to 68 at the Garden last night.

Displaying a much more mobile offense deep under the basket, with bob Kinney and Brady Walker moving better than ever, the Celtics' team play paid off over the game's second half, when the road-weary Zollners folded under the pressure.

Hertzberg Sparkles

Although Doggie Julian's starting five of George Kaftan, Howie Shannon, Walker, Kinney and sonny Hertzberg distinguished themselves, the individual play of Hertzberg, Kaftan, Jim Seminoff and Ed Leede scintillated.

Hertzberg played by far his finest game as a Celt, hitting nine in 20 floor tries, five being set shots. He also handed out seven floor assists.

Half time score showed the Zollners leading, 45 to 42, but at the end of the third the Celts were in front, 66 to 58, granting the Zollners but 13 points, while culling 24.

Hertzberg hit for 15 points in this vital period to practically seal the verdict.

The Zollners scored but 23 points in the entire second half. Howie Shannon permitted Leo Klier to ram home three fast goals on him and was removed, but came back in the late stages to wind up with 10 points.

JANUARY 21, 1987

CELTICS ROLL PAST PACERS

By Ian Thomson, The Boston Globe

Forget the opening jump. This one should have begun with a gun's blast. The ball was tipped to Kevin McHale. He passed to Danny Ainge. Back to McHale. Scoreboard flickered. Clock froze. Three seconds in and McHale had two breakaway points.

Maintaining this rate of transitional excellence, Boston would have beaten Indiana, 1,920-0. The Celtice will instead settle for last night's 130-100 Garden victory that props them up nicely to receive incoming Atlanta and Philadelphia this weekend.

"We played much less than we were capable of playing, but I'm sure they had something to do with that," said Indiana coach Jack Ramsay. "They played a great game."

They played every song in their basketball jukebox. "I liked

our defense," said coach K.C. Jones, "and everything starts from there." Though the Pacers shot an adequate .439, Larry Bird and others limited 18-points-per-game rookie Chuck Person to 10, including a 3-for-10 first half. Most telling was Indiana's offensive rebounding. Late in the second period, center Steve Stipanovich followed his own layup miss. That's all there is to say about it. The Pacers managed one second-chance basket through the first three quarters.

"That's something that makes me hop up and down," said Jones, especially since it has been a Boston weakness all year. "Well," said Bird (26 points, 13 rebounds, 8 assists), "any time you're playing good defense, get them moving in spots they don't want to be in, it's easier to get rebounds."

So they outrebound Indiana, 48-36. this is where the fun starts. The Celtics ran as well as they have this new year and, in the first quarter, the object of their transitional desires was Robert Parish. Doing his best Harold Carmichael impersonation, Parish beat the Pacers defense several times. In one sequence, after accepting a Bird feed as he cut through on his way to a dunk, Parish next time beat the Pacers secondary downfield, caught Bird's bomb over the shoulder inside the 5, turned and spiked it through the iron. "I like making that pass to Robert more than anyone else," Bird said.

So it was 26-18, and the Celtics were 12 for 14 from the floor (Bird having missed two jumpers). Following a brief lull and a pair of Indiana scores to cut matters to four, Boston ran off 12, including five Parish points in transition, another Chiefly old-fashioned three-pointer, and the typical stuff of McHale (24) and Bird.

The Celtics were up by 16, and they carried a 41-26 lead into the second quarter on 72 percent shooting (18 for 25). Then the Pacers realized they weren't playing that badly. Despite a bruised shoulder, Wayman Tisdale (13) was brought in to help level the Celtics' lead to 49-40. Boston led by only eight when Parish, McHale and Bird each put their two points in to end the half.

"We led by 12 (60-48) at the half," Jones said, "but it could very well have been a six-point lead." Realizing what they had let slip away - and that their starting front line had accumulated no fouls in the first half - the Celtics finished the evening's task in the third quarter.

The decisive eight-point run began with a Tinkers-to-Evers-to-Chance fast break (insert Bird, Ainge and McHale). This was followed by one of Dennis Johnson's 11 assists, a remarkable 25-foot touch pass leading Bird underneath. "I thought I played decent against him head up," Person said of Bird. "But he got a lot of easy baskets underneath the hoop. It was more me than anything."

His coach disagreed. "Larry Bird is a project himself," Ramsay said.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1968

PATRIOTS ESCAPE AT DENVER, 20-17

Survive Late Rush, Tie Jets for 1st

By Will McDonough, The Boston Globe

DENVER - The word is escape.

That's what the Patriots did here in Bear Stadium Sunday when they snuck away with a 20 to 17 victory over the Denver Broncos.

The win put the Pats in a first place tie with the New York Jets in the AFL's Eastern Division, but it wasn't a victory the Patriots could be proud of.

Playing what most people consider the worst team in pro football, the Patriots needed every break in the book to come away with a victory.

The fired-up Broncos, playing before the largest crowd in this city's history, carried the battle right into the final seconds when they were beaten by the clock.

The Patriots - once again pathetic on offense - won it with their defense, even though rookie Marlin Briscoe embarrassed the Patriot defenders near the end.

Briscoe, who became the first Negro quarterback in the history of the AFL when he entered the game in the fourth quarter, nearly stole the show.

The Pats were leading, 20-10 with less than two minutes to play when Briscoe directed a sizzling scoring drive brought the Broncos within reach.

However, the Pats defense held off at the end.

"It wasn't pretty, but it counted," said head coach Mike Holovak in summation.

Jim Whalen, who scored the first Boston TD, was awarded the game ball by his mates as the best player in the game. Whalen had four catches for 62 yards.

Boston scored on Whalen's 14-yard reception and field goals of 22 and 8 yards by Gino Cappelletti.

Denver scored on a one-yard plunge by Fran Lynch; Briscoe's 12-yard scoring dash and rookie Bob Howfield's 27-yard field goal in the opening moments.

The Patriots started the game by handing the Broncos three points, all gift wrapped on a fumble by R.C. Gamble on the second play of the game. Gamble couldn't handle Taliaferro's pitchout, dropping it for Denver's Dave Costa to recover at the Boston 12.

Denver couldn't penetrate the 10-yard line on three tries, so Howfield settled for a 27-yard field goal with only 1:19 elapsed.

The Patriots defense set up the first touchdown of the game when cornerman Leroy Mitchell intercepted at the Denver 39.

Taliaferro went to the air for the score. On second down he hit Jim Colclough over the middle for 20 yards, Gene Thomas cracked off right guard for five more and then Taliaferro spotted Whalen under the goalpost for the 14-yard touchdown pass. Cappelletti converted and the Pats led 7 to 3.

With the period coming to a close, Denver rocked the Boston defense with a play that covered 65 yards in all, setting up the Broncos first TD.

It started with a mix-up in the Pats secondary, which left Denver's Bill VanHeusen uncovered along the right sideline.

VanHeusen took Jim Leclair's pass at midfield and ran it to the Boston 20. On the same play, Boston was penalized for a personal foul, putting the ball on the Pats 10.

From here, the Broncos punched across the score with three running plays up the middle - the last a tackle drive by Lynch from the one for the touchdown, putting Denver back in front 10 to 7.

Except for the one bad play, Boston's defense controlled Denver's offense in the first half. Denver really couldn't move the ball in the second quarter and when Boston got a short punt at the Bronco 38, Cappelletti converted it into a 22-yard field goal.

A fine 18-yard run off tackle by Thomas set up Gino's field goal which tied the game at 10 to 10.

It stayed this way until mid-way through the third period when the Patriots got a colossal break.

Pinned down at their own 10, and forced to punt, Bob Scarpitto hit a tremendous punt. Floyd Little, the Denver safetyman, tried to catch it over his shoulder at the Bronco 35. but the ball skipped off Little's fingers, and rolled wildly to the Denver one, where Willie Porter recovered for the Patriots.

The punt was listed as an 87-yarder, and new AFL record. But more important, it set up the go ahead touchdown, when Garron jumped over the goal line on second down. Cappaletti converted making it 17 to 10.

Now the Broncos made two big bids to get back into the game, only to be repelled by the Pats tough defense.

Last week a blocked punt, followed by a shanked punt, ruined the Pats against the Jets in Birmingham.

So what happens? The same thing.

First Paul Smith of Denver blocked a Scarpitto punt on the Boston 25. The Pats escaped this when Ed Philpott intercepted a LeClair pass.

Moments later, Scarpitto kicked one that travelled only 15 yards. Denver muffed the opportunity when Howfield missed a 24-yard field goal attempt.

Finally, the Pats offense woke up. Aided by two interference calls, they moved down field to the Denver one, before finally settling for an eight-yard field goal by Cappelletti with 2:53 left to play.

The score was 20 to 10, but the Pats couldn't relax. Briscoe was now at quarterback for the Broncos and he proved an exciting character.

Briscoe, with time running out, fired his club 80 yards for a score, which sent the record crowd of 37,024 in Bear Stadium wild.

Briscoe got the score in five plays, carrying three times himself, including the final 12 yards up the middle when he faked a pass and took off.

This score came with 1:09 remaining and Denver, by calling the three time outs it had left, got the ball back on a punt with 40 seconds to play.

However, Briscoe couldn't work his magic again and time ran out as he tried to scramble at midfield where he was tackled on the last play of the game.

APRIL 2, 1983

10,976 WATCH BREAKERS ROMP, 27-16

By Barry Cadigan, The Boston Globe

You can't call the Boston Breakers just lucky anymore. Yesterday, they showed they were the "thinking Breakers" as well, using yet another set of parameters to roll to their fourth straight victory, 27-18, over the Birmingham Stallions.

In this one the Breakers unearthed Andy Johnson as a runner. He had seen just minimal service in passing situation. The move worked, as did just about everything else they tried.

The game started as though it was going to be a Breakers' blowout, something different for the USFL team that has been gaining a reputation as strictly a last-minute, come-from-behind team.

The Breakers scored the first two times they got their hands on the ball. They were up, 14-0, after only 5:22. And that was almost enough to provide a second straight home victory.

If there was any negative aspect for the Breakers yesterday, it had to be the attendance figure of 10,976 at BU's 20,000 capacity Nickerson Field on a beautiful afternoon for football. The game had been moved earlier in the week from today to avoid a conflict with Easter observances.

But Breakers' coach Dick Coury was even optimistic about the crowds that have been enthusiastic, if not large, in these two home appearances.

"It's Easter weekend," Coury reminded. "As long as we keep winning like this, they'll come. Next week (against Oakland on Sunday) we could sell out this place."

Coury said game strategy dictated that Andy Johnson, who jumped to the Breakers after a frustrating year with the Patriots, be used as a runner yesterday.

"They told me I should start earning my money," Johnson joked. "But Richard Crump (the other running back) had played well and you can't put someone in just to put him in. The only time I was in before was for passing."

Johnson's number was called only six times rushing but he made them good for 44 yards and a team-leading 7.3 average. He also caught a couple of Johnnie Walton passes for 17 yards as well.

As Walton pointed out, "We didn't give up a turnover and we kept the ball a long time." Walton added to his stats, solving almost constant Stallion blitzing by completing 18 of 30 passes for 205 yards. The Breakers had a total of 130 on the ground.

Placekicker Tim "The Machine" Mazzetti continued to set USFL records with his ninth straight field goal (two yesterday for 42 and 22 yards) as he closes in on his NFL skein of 10 straight with the Falcons. His three conversion points (he is now 11 for 11 PATS) gave him 9 points for a league-leading 41.

Soon after taking the opening kickoff, Walton hit Charlie Smith with a pair of passes. He then put one wide in the flat to Nolan Franz, the other wide receiver, who used a couple of blockers to good advantage and got the touchdown from 26 yards out.

After Woodrow Wilson stopped an ensuing Birmingham drive with an interception, the Breakers stalled momentarily but then lucked out. A Joe Restic punt hit a would-be receiver in the back and the Breakers recovered at the Stallions' 13. Walton used Crump this time and the hard-running ex-Canadian Leaguer

bulled his way to the touchdown.

Birmingham retaliated for that gift at 3:33 into the second quarter with some fine running by Cornelius Quarles and Earl Grant before Quarles carried in from the 1. Three minutes later they got to within four on the first of three Scott Norwood field goals from 22 yards out (the others were 47- and 29-yards).

Mazzetti gave the Breakers a 10-point halftime cushion on his two field goals, the first with 55 seconds left, the second with four seconds left before halftime. The latter was set up by a Tim Smith interception that he returned 31 yards to the Birmingham 11.

The last half featured the remaining two Norwood field goals, putting Birmingham back to within four with 10 minutes left. But Walton ate up 6:11 of that with some passes to Johnson and Franz and some Crump and Tony Davis running. Davis carried it over left tackle for the insurance touchdown with 3:52 left.

JULY 27, 1921

RED SOX EVEN THE SERIES WITH INDIANS

Win, 5-4, After Visitors Take Lead In Seventh

By Albert J. Woodlock, The Boston Globe

The Red Sox evened up the series with Cleveland at the Fenway Park grounds yesterday afternoon, winning, 5 to 4. Hugh Duffy's outfit bunched hits in the seventh inning and overcame Cleveland's lead of run run.

Joe Bush was on the mound for the Red Sox, and with the exception of the seventh he had "Spoke's" tribe eating out of his hand.

It was the same individual - Joe Bush - who started the trouble for the Indians in the last of the seventh when he led off with a hit. On top of that came two more hits which gave Boston the tying and winning runs.

The Red Sox led until the first of the seventh. Prior to that Cleveland had only obtained three hits and one run. In that inning, however, two bases on balls and two hits gave the Indians three runs and the lead for a few minutes.

Brilliant Fielding

Sam Vick was in the limelight for the Red Sox. His fielding and throwing robbed the Cleveland Club of two chances it had to take the game away from the Red Sox. In the seventh Speaker connected with one off Bush which looked labeled for three bases in right field. Vick ran back and when it looked as though the ball would sail over his head he stuck his glove hand into the air and speared it, preventing Wambsganss from scoring from second. In the first of the ninth with Burns on first Jamieson singled to right field. Burns tried to advance to third on the drive. Vick scooped it in and made a beautiful peg to Eddie Foster at third, nipping Burns for the second out.

Eddie Foster not only hit well, but fielded splendidly for Boston. With two on in the seventh, and none down, Foster placed a timely hit inside of the first base line. That brought in

the tying run, and when Smith's bad peg to head off Menosky at the plate got away from O'Neill, Mike tallied what proved to be the winning run.

Everett Scott robbed Larry Gardner of what looked like a safe bingle in the eighth. Scotty was moving some and scooped the ball in directly back of second, and by a nifty throw caught the ex-Red Sox at first base. Wambsganss, Cleveland's second sacker, also did valuable all-around playing. In the third, Bush hit to Sewell, who tossed it to Wamby at second, forcing Ruel. Wamby was out of throwing position, but caught Bush for the double play at first by inches. It was Wamby's double that sent in two runs in the seventh which placed Cleveland ahead of the Red Sox.

Red Sox Start Early

Boston started right after the game in the first inning. Menosky opened with a triple to right center and Speaker recovered the ball on the rebound from the fence. Foster fouled out to O'Neill, Pratt flied to Jamieson, Menosky scoring on the sacrifice. Stuffy McInnis closed by flying to Jamieson.

There was no more scoring until the fourth, when Pratt opened with a double to left center. McInnis sacrificed him to third. Pratt came home on Vick's single to right but the latter was nipped at second trying stretch his hit into a double. Scotty closed the chapter flying out.

Cleveland scored its run in the fifth. Gardner singled into right field. Sewell followed with a hit through the pitcher's box. Wambsganss advanced both runners on a sacrifice, McInnis to Pratt. O'Neill hit down the third base line, Foster making a bare-handed stop. It was too late to catch Gardner at home, but he tossed O'Neill out at first. Sothoron flied out to Foster for the third out.

Boston added one more in the sixth. Pratt duplicated his previous hit with a double to left field. McInnis attempted to sacrifice to Sothoron, who booted it, and Stuffy was safe at first. Vick flied out to Speaker. Scott walked. Pittenger flied out to Spoke and Pratt tallied. Ruel hit a hard one at Gardner, who forced McInnis at third for the third out.

The Busy Seventh

Cleveland started its fireworks in the seventh after Sewell had grounded out. Johnson singled by third base. O'Neill walked. Graney, batting for Sothoron, also drew a pass. Jamieson grounded to McInnis, Johnson scoring on the out. Wambsganss picked one to his liking and connected for two bases into left field, scoring Evans, who ran for O'Neill and Graney. Speaker closed the inning with the drive on which Sam Vick made his spectacular one-handed catch, but the visitors were one ahead.

In the last of the seventh Boston placed the game on ice. Bush opened with his single to center. Menosky hit a safe one, which Sewell endeavored to land but was unable to top it and get Mike or Bush. Foster allowed that with his timely wallop to right field, scoring Bush, and Smith's bad peg allowed Menosky to score.

MAY 29, 1955

JENSEN'S 2 HOMERS SPARK SOX TO 12-7 WIN OVER NATS

By Bob Holbrook, The Boston Globe

Jackie Jensen, who delights in blasting Washington pitching, pumped two home runs and drove in five runs yesterday to lead the Red Sox to a 12-to-7 decision as 14,429 looked on.

Jensen's contribution decided a see-saw game in which 31 hits rattled around friendly Fenway. The Sox belted three homers, two triples and three doubles among 14 hits.

The broad shouldered Jensen - who was swung on by Maury McDermott band dusted by Bob Porterfield in the last week - powered a three-run homer in the eighth off Frank Shea to sew up the game.

Prior to this he hit a bases-empty homer and drove in another run with a sacrifice fly. Eddie Joost also homered with none on.

Ted Hits

Ted Williams played six innings and hit a long, long double and a triple before retiring in favor of Gene Stephens.

The big slugger also hit a vicious line drive in the first that was turned into a lightning double play by Mickey Vernon. He also was thrown out by Vernon in the fourth.

George Susce won his first major league game. Willard Nixon started, but was suffering from a stomach disorder and had to be relieved after an inning and a third when he gave the Nats a 3-0 lead.

Susce worked four and a third innings before he tired and Leo Kiely came on to finish. The Sox clicked off three fast double plays in the final three innings to prevent a Washington comeback.

The Nats were hitting hard, too, and outit the locals, 17 to 17. But for Jensen's power and some good defense it might have been a sad afternoon.

Roy Sievers hit a two-run homer off Susce and Pete Runnels - who has only hit six homers in his four-year major league career - hit a two-run homer in the first off Nixon. The Nats also had four doubles.

Manager Chuck Dressen started Chuck Stobbs, who lost, then followed with Pedro Ramos, Ted Abernathy and Shea.

Runnels' homer off Nixon in the first got it started. Washington added a run in the second on two singles and Juan Dells' fielder's choice.

After Jensen homered in the second, the Sox got to work in short order. They came up with four runs in the third on five hits for a 5-3 lead they never relinquished.

Ted Doubles

There was an interesting inning in which Williams' power manifested itself.

Goodman opened with a double, then Joost flied out. Ted hit a long shot to right center field. Jim Busby pursued it to the corner of the bull pen, got the ball in his glove and dropped it when he collided with the concrete wall.

The hit went 420 feet and tallied Goodman. Jensen followed with a single, but Ted was out at the plate on a Sievers throw. Norn Zauchin walked and Pete Daley reached on an error load 'em up.

Jimmy Piersall - back on the beam with three solid hits - singled sharply to left field for two runs, and Grady Hatton singled home another.

Washington got two more in the sixth on Sievers' homer with a man aboard; added singletons in the seventh and eighth, and were repulsed solely by three double plays.

Joost hit his homer in the fourth for the Sox' sixth run. With two out in the fifth, Piersall singled and Hatton was passed. Susce, who had looked like a patsy at the plate on two previous trips, hit a long double off the center field wall for two more runs.

Busby made an effort for this one, but struck his head on the wall in center field as the ball caromed around the outfield.

Williams tripled in the ninth to set the stage for another. Jensen drove in this run with a fly ball as Gene Stephens subbed for Williams as a runner.

The three runs in the eighth off Shea came on Jensen's second homer after Goodman walked and Stephens singled to center.

HIT AND RUN

Today's double-header with Baltimore will find Frank Sullivan and Ike Delock working against Harry Byrd and Jim McDonald. . . .Incidentally, the games start at 1 p.m., instead of 1:30. . . .Catcher Sammy White is okay, Manager Mike Higgins said. . . .His arm is painfully bruised, but he could have caught yesterday if necessary. . . .He'll likely catch one game today, with Pete Daley working the other. . . .Daley has caught two games and been a winner in both of them. . . .Nixon did not feel well before the game, but thought he could pitch. . . .Higgins was removing the pitchers instead of Boo Ferris, but that was simply because the coach was in the bull pen helping out. . . .Milt Bolling is ready to play and will be reinstated for the Western trip. . . .Harry Agganis has recovered, but Faye Throneberry's immediate future is not clear. . . .Mel Parnell will pitch the second game on the Western trip starting Wednesday. . . .That'll be in Chicago. . . .Parnell still has a dull ache in his knee, but not enough to prevent him pitching.

Jensen's homers were ninth and tenth and he has driven across 32 runs. . . .Grady Hatton is showing excellent work both at third and at the plate. Williams felt good after yesterday's game and will play one game today. . . .Jim Piersall is back in center field for good. Gene Stephens will spell Ted. . . .Norm Zauchin pulled off a pip of a 3-6-3 double play in the ninth to end the Washington threat. . . .Then Stephens threw out Sievers trying to stretch a single to a double to end the game.